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Kansas City Business Journal

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The Overland Park-based engineering, consulting and construction firm was one of five contractors awarded Biological Threat Reduction Integrating Contracts worth as much as \$4 billion combined by the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency."

"The contract calls for Black & Veatch to help strengthen Ukraine's biosafety and biosecurity measures to combat bioterrorism and prevent the proliferation of biological weapons-related technology, pathogens and expertise while enhancing the Ukrainian government's existing disease surveillance systems to detect and report bioterror attacks, epidemics and potential pandemics.

The contract also calls for enhancing Ukraine's existing network of human and veterinary diagnostic laboratories that handle dangerous pathogens, and constructing a secure and permanent repository for pathogens."

The full article can be found at: <http://kansascity.bizjournals.com/kansascity/stories/2008/10/13/daily12.html>

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"Sellati will try to lessen the inflammation triggered by the human immune system when exposed to tularemia."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.timesunion.com/AspStories/storyprint.asp?StoryID=729394>

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By Peter Finn

The Washington Post

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Defense lawyers said the decision should force the Pentagon to drop charges of conspiracy and material support for terrorism against Mohammed, which were filed by military prosecutors in May. The charges, the lawyers said, are spurious and based on false confessions obtained through torture.

They said the Justice Department dropped key allegations to avoid having to turn over evidence of abuse. The agency did not respond to a request for comment."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.washingtonpost.co>

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TeraView's cw technology, developed by its terahertz scientists and product development team, is a state-of-the-art, proprietary platform, delivering exceptional performance and reliability in cw terahertz generation and detection. The platform incorporates the years of experience that TeraView has in the development of semiconductors and devices for its pulsed terahertz systems, with innovations specific to cw terahertz sensors."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cambridgenetwork.co.uk/news/article/default.aspx?objid=52579>

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By Michael Schwirtz and Alan Cowell

International Herald Tribune

October 15, 2008

"The French police are investigating how toxic mercury pellets ended up in the car of a human rights lawyer who fell ill in Strasbourg on Tuesday, a day before pretrial hearings in Moscow into the killing of one of her best-known clients, the journalist and Kremlin critic Anna Politkovskaya.

The case recalled events almost two years ago when Alexander Litvinenko, a former KGB officer and a vocal critic of then-President Vladimir Putin, died in London after ingesting a highly radioactive toxin, polonium 210. Scotland Yard said he had been murdered.

Politkovskaya, who had chronicled allegations of abuse in Russia's wars in Chechnya, was

shot and killed in her apartment in Moscow a few weeks before Litvinenko was poisoned. Critics of Putin, now prime minister, said the killings were part of a pattern of actions backed by the Kremlin against its foes.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/10/15/europe/russia.php>

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